

# United States District Court

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

2019 JUL 18 P 3:45

In the Matter of the Search of  
(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)

One brown box addressed to:

TB

131 Bobwhite Lane

Greenville, AL 36037

USPS tracking: EJ 061 346 310 US

## APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: 2:19 mj 233-SRW

I, C. L. Phillips being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a(n) United States Postal Inspector and have reason to believe  
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that ☐ on the person of or ☒ on the premises known as (name, description and/or location)

One brown box addressed to TB, 131 Bobwhite Lane, Greenville, AL 36307;

in the Middle District of Alabama  
there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property)  
controlled substances, materials and documents reflecting the distribution of controlled substances through the U.S. Mails,  
including money and/or monetary instruments consisting of payment and/or proceeds relative to the distribution of  
controlled substances

which is (give alleged grounds for search and seizure under Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)

contraband, the fruits of a crime or thing otherwise criminally possessed,

in violation of Title 21 United States Code, Section(s) 841(a)(1) and 843(b)

The facts to support the issuance of a Search Warrant are as follows:

See attached affidavit (ATTACHMENT 1) incorporated herein by reference and made part of this application.

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof.

☒ Yes

C. L. Phillips  
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence

JULY 18, 2019 3:30 p  
Date

at MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
City and State

SUSAN RUSS WALKER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

[Signature]  
Signature of Judicial Officer

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT**  
**ATTACHMENT 1**

I, C. L. Phillips, U.S. Postal Inspector, depose and state:

1. I am a Postal Inspector with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), and have been employed in this capacity since April 2012. I am currently assigned to the Houston Division's Montgomery, Alabama domicile. I am an "investigative or law enforcement officer" within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code Section 2510(7). That is, I am an officer of the United States who is empowered by law to conduct investigations and to make arrests for crimes furthered through the use of the United States Mail or in connection to the United States Postal Service (USPS), property of the USPS, and other postal offenses, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3061.

2. This affidavit is written in support and as part of an application for a search warrant to search one parcel currently in the custody and control of the USPIS. The information contained in this affidavit is based on my personal knowledge and observations, on information conveyed to me by other individuals, including law enforcement officials and postal employees, as well as on my review of records, documents, and other physical evidence obtained. This affidavit only contains information necessary to support probable cause for a search warrant and is not intended to include every fact observed by your affiant or known to the government.

3. Prior investigations by U.S. Postal Inspectors have determined that the U.S. Mails are being used to transmit controlled substances and proceeds from controlled substances. Postal inspectors have intercepted drug parcels being mailed to Alabama, mailed from other areas in the country. I have also been involved in numerous investigations where drug proceeds packages were seized en route to drug source locations via the U.S. Mail. My training and previous experience has made me familiar with the method and manner that drug traffickers use to move illegal drugs and drug proceeds through the U.S. Mail.

4. Your affiant is aware the distribution of illegal drugs and narcotics and narcotics proceeds from the sales of these illegal drugs and narcotics through the U.S. Mail, can make USPS employees and facilities targets of crimes during the unknowing delivery of drug or proceeds packages. Your affiant is also familiar with cases where USPS employees have been targeted for robbery because of packages known to contain illegal drugs and/or proceeds from the distribution of illegal drugs.

5. On or before July 18, 2019, postal inspectors received information about a suspicious package, possibly containing illegal narcotics, being mailed to 131 Bobwhite Lane, Greenville, AL, 36037. On July 18, 2019, postal inspectors intercepted Priority Mail Express EJ 061 346 310 US, hereafter **PME10US**, to conduct additional investigations.

6. The parcel in question is described as follows:

8. On July 18, 2019, the box was examined by narcotics detection canine "Ace," handled by Lt. Richard Talley from Alabama Department of Corrections. During the examination, "Ace" alerted to the parcel, indicating the box contained the scent of controlled substances. "Ace" is a male Beligum Malinois approximately four years old, and has been working as a K9 narcotics detector dog since 2013. "Ace" participates in minimum of 16 hours of in-service training per month, as well as routine usage. Per his handler, Lt. Richard Talley, "Ace" was certified through Central Alabama Police K-9 Training Association, Inc., and Alabama Canine Law Enforcement Officer's Training Center, Inc. "Ace" is certified to detect cocaine, marijuana, heroin, methamphetamine, crack, and MDMA. Lt. Talley has been a canine narcotic handler with Alabama Department of Corrections for approximately nine years; and has worked with "Ace" for approximately three years. Lt. Talley has confirmed the K-9's credibility and reliability. "Ace" has successfully alerted hundreds of times during training and real life situations. "Ace" is available seven days a week to conduct drug sniffs for Alabama Department of Corrections and other outside agencies. "Ace" has several narcotic arrests.

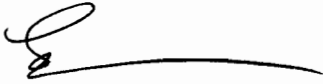
10. **PME10US** has remained in the custody of the undersigned affiant in this District pending application for a search warrant.



C. L. Phillips  
U.S. Postal Inspector

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019, in  
Montgomery, AL



SUSAN RUSS WALKER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE